(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The salient features of bilateral agreements signed in respect of the five projects as mentioned in part (b) above are given below:

Three agreements relating to the supply of equipment, initial set of spares, installation and operating of the equipment with performance guarantee for a period of 150 working days had been signed between South Eastern Coalfields Limited and M/s Coal Mining Equipment Import & Export Corporation, China. The agreement pertaining to the refurbishment of Churcha West Powered Support Longwall equipment has not come into force hence no detail is furnished. An agreement was also entered into with Republic of France for procurement of hydraulic shovels.

Age disputes in BCCL

4284. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of age dispute pending at the headquarters of BCCL as on 31st Marcl^ 1998 indicating the facts in detail giving the names and the period for which they are pending;®

(b) whether BCCL adheres to the "Implementation Instruction No, 76" in resolving Age Disputes by sending cases of "Glaring Differences" and discrepancies in the records to the Age Determination Committee; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases resolved in the last one year giving the names and the facts in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) There are 19 cases of age disputes pending in BCCL Headquarters as on 31.3.1998 ranging between 6 months to 18 months. Details are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 903 cases resolved in the last one year. The information called for with regard to names of cases resolved in last one year is voluminous and it would not be commensurate with the efforts made to collect it.

Statement

Pending cases of Age Disputes in BCCL Hqrs.

SI. No.	Pers. No.	Name
1.	00600775	Kheman Mondal
2.	02438745	Ram Brich Ahir
3.	00208611	Ram Dular Kumhar
4.	02151264	Lakhan Bhuia
5.	00239822	Inua Mia
6.	02168490	Mahabir Singh
7.	02446664	Patia Bouri
8.	02240992	Madhusudan Bhuia
9.	02307395	Triveni Dusadh
10.	02233088	Pudina Kamin
11.	02463271	Sheo Nath Dusadh
12.	01250810	Pankaj Kr. Verma
13.	01201433	Rameshwar Ramani
14.	01209550	Ramachar Singh
15.	01010735	Muneeshwar Mistry
16.	02771046	Ram Bhajan Dusadh
17.	02099075	Dand Pani Nayak
18.	00104750	Trinath Sethi 3
19.	02087997	Arjun Roy

Coal Reserve in the Country

4285. DR. Y LAKSHMl PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserve of coal in the country;

(b) whether the demand of coal continues to out strip the supply and availability gap widens and if so, the details thereof including imports required; and

(c) the proposed policy overhaul to attract investment and expertise in coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) As per assessment of Geological Survey of India (GSI), the coal reserves in the country as on01.01.1998 upto a depth of 1200 metres are over 206 billion tonnes.